

441—112.10 (232) Mandatory reporting of child abuse.

112.10(1) *Mandatory reporters.* The following foster care providers shall make a report, in accordance with Iowa Code section 232.69, whenever they reasonably believe a child for whom they are providing foster care has suffered abuse:

a. Any social worker who is employed by a licensed child foster care facility and who works with foster children.

b. Any licensed foster parent providing child foster care.

112.10(2) *Required training.* Within one year of becoming a mandatory reporter, and every five years thereafter, any person required to make a report under subrule 112.10(1) shall complete two hours of training relating to the identification and reporting of child abuse.

112.10(3) *Training provider.*

a. If the foster care provider is a social worker employed by a licensed child foster care facility, the employer shall be responsible for providing the required training in child abuse identification and reporting.

b. If the foster care provider is a licensed foster parent, the foster parent shall be responsible for obtaining the required two-hour training in child abuse identification and reporting as part of a continuing education program required under Iowa Code section 232.69 and chapter 272C and approved by the department of public health.

112.10(4) *Training content.*

a. Training in child abuse identification shall include physical and behavioral signs of physical abuse, denial of critical care and sexual abuse.

b. Training in child abuse reporting shall include reporting requirements and procedures.

112.10(5) *Training documentation.*

a. If the foster care provider is a social worker employed by a licensed child foster care facility, the employer shall document in the employee's personnel record the content and amount of training.

b. If the foster care provider is a licensed foster parent, the foster parent shall be responsible for securing documentation of the training content, amount, and provider, and shall forward the documentation to the department's recruitment and retention contractor, which will provide a copy to the department licensing worker for the service area where the family resides for inclusion in the licensing file.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 232.69.